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Mr. Michael Collins U.S Department of Energy P.O. Box 550, A6-38 Richland, WA 99352

Subject: Stop the Hanford Radioactive Waste Dump

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Mr. Michael Collins U.S Department of Energy P.O. Box 550, A6-38 Richland, WA 99352

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My husband was born in Washington, and I moved here in 1946, discovering this wonderful state. We have raised three children and 9 grandchildren to appreciate the beauties of nature, and hope that our state can be finally cleaned up from some of the contamination of the past, and avoid the possibilities of future uncontrolled dangers.

Sincerely, James H. and Patricia A. O'Brien

Sincerely,

JAMES O'BRIEN

Mardell Moore

6521 36th Avenue North East, Seattle, WA 98115-7427

Mr. Michael Collins U.S Department of Energy P.O. Box 550, A6-38 Richland, WA 99352

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We already have enough waste to clean up in our back yard (Hanford). I'm very concerned with the basics: our soils and water (columbia river). Sometimes I think people in WA D.C. think the West has vast spaces perfect for "dumping" this waste far away from their back yard. The West needs all the fresh uncontaminated water it can get to grow among other things some of that good food you consume in the East. We're connected, very connected.

Sincerely,

Mardell Moore

TO:

Mr. Michael Collins

U.S Department of Energy P.O. Box 550, A6-38 Richland, WA 99352

FROM:

Ben Hamilton 8216 Run Ct SE Olympia, WA 98513

SUBJECT:

Stop the Hanford Radioactive Waste Dump

DATE:

July 09, 2002

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

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I work for a program within a State agency that investigates hazardous material releases. I hope to never be involved with an incident where radioactive waste is unexpectedly released into our environment. The potential only increases as more waste is moved around.

I am writing you as a citizen concerned with the cleanup of Hanford, one of the most contaminated places in the world. The U.S. Department of Energy is proposing to double the amount of radioactive waste buried in unlined soil trenches at Hanford, which increases the risk of more soil and groundwater contamination. You have failed to adequately address the human health and environmental impacts of adding this radioactive waste to Hanford in your Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement (SW EIS).

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Sincerely,

Ben Hamilton

1805 SE Sherrett, Portland, OR 97202

July 09, 2002

Mr. Michael Collins U.S Department of Energy P.O. Box 550, A6-38 Richland, WA 99352

Subject: I Oppose the Hanford Radioactive Waste Dump

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

I am writing you as a concerned citizen. The issue that motivated me? The cleanup of Hanford, one of the most contaminated places in the world.

The U.S. Department of Energy's proposal to double the amount of radioactive waste buried in unlined soil trenches at Hanford, is risky business, and my palms are sweating. I'm dismayed that the waste currently being received at Hanford is dumped in unlined soil trenches with limited groundwater monitoring. Even our kitchen garbage cannot be buried like this! To increase the amount of waste only serves to increase the risk of more soil and groundwater contamination. It also increases the risk of accidents.

You have failed to adequately address the human health and environmental impacts of adding this waste to Hanford in your Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS). The SWEIS offers no safer alternatives, such as lined and monitored trenches. And the transportation risk of importing over 70,000 truckloads of radioactive waste is not even considered in the SWEIS

What kind of impact statement has been done? These are key considerations for public health and safety. I implore you to reassess your incomplete analysis in the SWEIS. This risks are too great.

Even more, I urge you to please stop importing and burying waste until you have cleaned up the huge radioactive mess already at Hanford.

Sincerely,

Amy Carlson

TO:

Mr. Michael Collins

U.S Department of Energy P.O. Box 550, A6-38 Richland, WA 99352

FROM:

Robert Burr

1130 40th St

Bellingham, WA 98229-3118

SUBJECT:

Stop the Hanford Radioactive Waste Dump

DATE:

July 09, 2002

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

I am worried about Hanford. It is already one of the most contaminated places on this planet. And now, the U.S. Department of Energy wants to double the amount of radioactive waste buried in Hanford's unlined soil trenches at Hanford. This, of course, increases the risk of more soil and groundwater contamination.

You have not adequately addressed the human health and environmental impacts of adding this radioactive waste to Hanford in your Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement (SW EIS).

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I urge you to reassess your incomplete analysis in the SW EIS and to stop importing and burying waste until you have cleaned up the huge radioactive mess already at Hanford.

Sincerely,

Robert Burr

Subject: Stop the Hanford Radioactive Waste Dump

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

As a voter in Washington State, I'm concerned that the U.S. Department of Energy wants to to double the amount of radioactive waste buried in unlined soil trenches at Hanford. You have failed to adequately address the environmental impacts of adding more radioactive waste to Hanford in your Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement (SW EIS).

Hanford receives waste from other nuclear weapons plants, labs and private companies. It's dumped in unlined trenches with limited groundwater monitoring. Even our kitchen garbage cannot be buried like this! The SW EIS offers no safer alternatives, such as lined and monitored trenches. Come on, get real!

The U.S. Department of Energy's proposal to greatly increase the waste coming to Hanford from these offsite locations increases the risk of accidents. The transportation risk of importing over 70,000 truckloads of radioactive waste is not even considered in the SW EIS.

It's time to reassess your incomplete analysis in the SW EIS and to stop importing and burying waste until you have cleaned up the huge radioactive mess already at Hanford. No more nuclear waste should be created until someone figures how to get it off the planet!

Yours truly,

Peggy Randall PO Box 1824 Eastsound, WA 98245

Philip Velasquez

5279 Welfare Ave NE, ♦ Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Mr. Michael Collins U.S Department of Energy P.O. Box 550, A6-38 Richland, WA 99352

Subject: Reassess Hanford Site Draft SW EIS

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

I am writing you as a citizen concerned with the draft Hanford Site Solid (Radioactive and Hazardous) Waste Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The U.S. Department of Energy is proposing to double the amount of radioactive waste buried in unlined soil trenches at Hanford, which increases the risk of more soil and groundwater contamination. Your Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement (SW EIS) fails to adequately address the adverse human health and environmental impacts of adding this radioactive waste to Hanford. Currently, the SW EIS offers no safer alternatives to burial in unlined soil trenches, such as lined and monitored trenches.

The U.S. Department of Energy's proposal to greatly increase the waste coming to Hanford from offsite locations increases the risk of accidents. The transportation risk of importing over 70,000 truckloads of radioactive waste is not even considered in the SW EIS.

I respectfully request that you reassess the incomplete analysis in the SW EIS and to stop importing and burying waste until the huge radioactive mess already at Hanford has been cleaned up.

Sincerely,

Philip Velasquez

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July 09, 2002

Mr. Michael Collins U.S Department of Energy P.O. Box 550, A6-38 Richland, WA 99352

Subject: Stop the Hanford Radioactive Waste Dump

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

The Department of Energy needs to trust in American ingenuity. We can replace nuclear power plants with clean solar photocoltaics and wind plants and reduce the amount of radioactive waste being produced. You are the experts on energy. Please provide leadership towards a safe world for the future.

Since Hanford is one of the most contaminated places in the world we should not increase that problem by burying even more radioactive waste buried in unlined soil trenches at Hanford, which increases the risk of more soil and groundwater contamination. You have failed to adequately address the human health and environmental impacts of adding this radioactive waste to Hanford in your Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement (SW EIS).

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Sincerely,

Louise Stonington

544 Vista Gloriosa Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90065-2536

July 10, 2002

Mr. Michael Collins U.S Department of Energy P.O. Box 550, A6-38 Richland, WA 99352

Subject: Stop the Hanford Radioactive Waste Dump

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

I am writing you as a citizen concerned with the cleanup of Hanford, one of the most contaminated places in the world. I was born and raised in Washington State and for as long as I can remember residents have been dealing with this issue. Now, the U.S. Department of Energy is proposing to double the amount of radioactive waste buried in unlined soil trenches at Hanford, which increases the risk of more soil and groundwater contamination. You have failed to adequately address the human health and environmental impacts of adding this radioactive waste to Hanford in your Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement (SW EIS).

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Although I now reside in Southern California, I still have many friends and familty in Washington that are directly affected by this problem. I urge you to reassess your incomplete analysis in the SW EIS and to stop importing and burying waste until you have cleaned up the huge radioactive mess already at Hanford.

Sincerely,

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Ken Cobleigh

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As a scientist, I have worked with the folks at Battelle/PNNL flying low altitude aircraft with on-board hyperspectral imaging equipment to determine the most contaminated places at Hanford. You would not believe what the images reveal! We have not only the Nation's largest toxic depository out there, but it is worse than ever imagined!

This high tech equipment sees in frequencies far beyond the human eye, cut into tiny 10 nm bands - perfect for identifying waste contaminants using direct viewing and other cues such as vegetative stress. What a f___ing mess we have made. It is ludicrous to bury any waste in unprotected trenches, especially near the last free flowing stretch of the greatest river in the Northwest! This is a Superfund site - please treat it as one.

Also, our family worked at Hanford 50 years ago, some of them for decades. They all died from cancer early or are now in Alzheimer's homes. Coincidence? I think NOT. The Hanford Down-Winders are on to something, and at the Top Secret Level, it is well known. Waste kills, and will continue to until it is all properly stored.

The U.S. Department of Energy's proposal to greatly increase the waste coming to Hanford from these offsite locations increases the risk of accidents. The transportation risk of importing over 70,000 truckloads of radioactive waste is not even considered in the SW EIS. This is outrageous!

I urge you to reassess your incomplete analysis in the SW EIS and to stop importing and burying waste until you have cleaned up the huge radioactive mess already at Hanford. Please - Do the right thing here.

Sincerely,

Ken Cobleigh

ML002-10a

Subject: Hanford Nuclear Reservation: waste storage

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

I am writing you as both a taxpayer and a medical radiation physicist concerning the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, one of the most contaminated places in the world. The U.S. Department of Energy is proposing to double the amount of radioactive waste buried in unlined soil trenches at Hanford, which increases the risk of more soil and groundwater contamination.

As a radiation physicist, I find this proposal morally repugnant. Have me learned nothing from the past? As in medicine, the cost of prevention is much lower than the horrendous cost of "a cure." You have failed to adequately address the human health and environmental impacts of adding this radioactive waste to Hanford in your Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement (SW EIS)! The SW EIS offers no safer alternatives, such as lined and monitored trenches.

I urge you to reassess your incomplete analysis in the SW EIS and to stop importing and burying waste until you have cleaned up the huge radioactive mess already at Hanford.

Yours truly,

Sarah Haynes, Ph.D. 5448 156th Ave SE Bellevue, WA 98006-5112

Subject: Stop the Hanford Radioactive Waste Dump

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

As a Washington State citizens and voters who are concerned with the cleanup of Hanford, one of the most contaminated places in the world, we are asking you to rethink your decision to dump more radioactive waste at Hanford, WA.

Currently, Hanford receives waste from other nuclear weapons plants, labs and even private companies. This waste is dumped in unlined soil trenches with limited groundwater monitoring. Even our kitchen garbage cannot be buried like this! The SW EIS offers no safer alternatives, such as lined and monitored trenches.

The U.S. Department of Energy's proposal to greatly increase the waste coming to Hanford from these offsite locations increases the risk of accidents. The transportation risk of importing over 70,000 truckloads of radioactive waste is not even considered in the SW EIS.

We urge you to reassess your incomplete analysis in the SW EIS and to stop importing and burying waste until you have cleaned up the huge radioactive mess already at Hanford.

Yours truly,

Susan & Robert Marett 92 N. Rhododendron Dr. Port Townsend, WA 98368

Subject: Stop the Hanford Radioactive Waste Dump

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

As an elementary school teacher, I'm appalled at the negative direction and speed at which our country is heading for environmental disaster. With the Bush Administration at the helm, all hell has broken lose with disregard and even hostility towards the environment and public health and safety. In fact, I am leaving teaching to pursue a career in an environmental organization because I believe this is a more pressing need than teaching reading, writing, and arthithmetic., right now.

I am writing you as a citizen concerned with the cleanup of Hanford, one of the most contaminated places in the world. The U.S. Department of Energy is proposing to double the amount of radioactive waste buried in unlined soil trenches at Hanford, which increases the risk of more soil and groundwater contamination. You have failed to adequately address the human health and environmental impacts of adding this radioactive waste to Hanford in your Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement (SW EIS).

Currently, Hanford receives waste from other nuclear weapons plants, labs and even private companies. This waste is dumped in unlined soil trenches with limited groundwater monitoring. Even our kitchen garbage cannot be buried like this! The SW EIS offers no safer alternatives, such as lined and monitored trenches.

The U.S. Department of Energy's proposal to greatly increase the waste coming to Hanford from these offsite locations increases the risk of accidents. The transportation risk of importing over 70,000 truckloads of radioactive waste is not even considered in the SW EIS.

I urge you to reassess your incomplete analysis in the SW EIS and to stop importing and burying waste until you have cleaned up the huge radioactive mess already at Hanford. Yours truly, Karen Hertz 9908-A NE 190th St. Bothell, WA 98011

ML002-13a

Steve Albertson

611 N. 48th Street, Seattle, WA 98103

July 08, 2002

Mr. Michael Collins U.S Department of Energy P.O. Box 550, A6-38 Richland, WA 99352

Subject: Hanford has enough radioactive waste!

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

I just read that the US Department of Energy is proposing to double (double!) the amount of radioactive waste buried in unlined soil trenches at Hanford. Your "Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement - SWEIS" in my mind does not adequately take into account the health and environmental impacts of this move.

My understanding is that this waste is dumped into soil trenches that are not lined, and not really monitored effectively for possible groundwater contamination. It's ridiculous to take this short-term, "head in the sand" approach.

As a voting citizen, I urge you to reassess your analysis and stop bringing in and burying even more waste until we, as a country, have cleaned up the massive radioactive mess already at Hanford.

Sincerely,

Steve Albertson

Andrea Avni

8208 39th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98115-4924

Mr. Michael Collins U.S Department of Energy P.O. Box 550, A6-38 Richland, WA 99352

Subject: Stop the Hanford Radioactive Waste Dump

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

I am writing you as a citizen concerned with the cleanup of Hanford, one of the most contaminated places in the world, and located in Washington State, where I live.

The U.S. Department of Energy is proposing to DOUBLE the amount of radioactive waste buried in unlined soil trenches at Hanford, which increases the risk of more soil and groundwater contamination. As you know, Hanford is located on the Columbia River, a waterway of major historic and ecologic importance to the Northwest.

You have failed to adequately address the human health and environmental impacts of adding this radioactive waste to Hanford in your Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement (SW EIS). These issues are of major concern to my family and me, and can impact a wide area.

Currently, Hanford receives waste from other nuclear weapons plants, labs and even private companies. This waste is dumped in unlined soil trenches with limited groundwater monitoring. Even our kitchen garbage cannot be buried like this! The SW EIS offers no safer alternatives, such as lined and monitored trenches.

The U.S. Department of Energy's proposal to greatly increase the waste coming to Hanford from these offsite locations increases the risk of accidents. The transportation risk of importing over 70,000 truckloads of radioactive waste is not even considered in the SW EIS. Truckloads of radioactive waste sharing U.S. highways with schoolbuses, family cars, longhaul truckers, etc. is a terrifying and dangerous scenario.

I urge you to reassess your incomplete analysis in the SW EIS. Don't import and bury waste until you have cleaned up the huge radioactive mess already at Hanford. Please take a stand to preserve the Columbia River and the Northwest for future generations.

Sincerely,

Andrea Avni

TO:

Mr. Michael Collins

U.S Department of Energy P.O. Box 550, A6-38 Richland, WA 99352

FROM:

Bill Bradlee

5108 Keystone Pl. N. Seattle, WA 98103

SUBJECT: Redo the SW EIS

DATE:

July 12, 2002

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

I am writing you as a citizen concerned with the cleanup of Hanford, one of the most contaminated places in the world. The U.S. Department of Energy is proposing to double the amount of radioactive waste buried in unlined soil trenches at Hanford, which increases the risk of more soil and groundwater contamination. You have failed to adequately address the human health and environmental impacts of adding this radioactive waste to Hanford in your Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement (SW

I urge you to reassess your incomplete analysis in the SW EIS and to stop importing and burying waste until you have cleaned up the huge radioactive mess already at Hanford.

Sincerely,

Bill Bradlee

TO:

Mr. Michael Collins

U.S Department of Energy P.O. Box 550, A6-38 Richland, WA 99352

FROM:

Tim Durnell

3087 Daisy Mine Rd. Rice, WA 99167

SUBJECT:

Stop the Hanford Radioactive Waste Dump

DATE:

July 12, 2002

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

I find it incredulous that the Dept. of Energy is proposing to double the radioactive waste buried in unlined trenches at Hanford. What about groundwater contamination? Human health and public safety should come first. I believe you need to reevaluate your Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement. Hanford is arguably the most polluted place in the US and it seems like your attitude is a little more won't hurt. Instead of adding waste, we should be cleaning up the mess there already.

I Ironically, we have more safeguards at our local county landfill than the current practice of dumping radioactive waste at Hanford. If the waste is going to Hanford, then the trenches should be lined and monitored.

The other thing that bothers me is the transporting of all the waste. What about the risk of accidents? This should be a major consideration.

Please reassess your incomplete analysis in the SW EIS. Before adding more waste to Hanford, the mess that is already there should be cleaned up first.

Sincerely,

Tim Durnell

David Dalton

10619 Sierra Dr. E., ♦ Puyallup, WA 98374-2457

Mr. Michael Collins U.S Department of Energy P.O. Box 550, A6-38 Richland, WA 99352

Subject: Stop the Hanford Radioactive Waste Dump

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

I am writing you as a citizen concerned with the cleanup of Hanford, one of the most contaminated places in the world. The U.S. Department of Energy is proposing to double the amount of radioactive waste buried in unlined soil trenches at Hanford, which increases the risk of more soil and groundwater contamination. You have failed to adequately address the human health and environmental impacts of adding this radioactive waste to Hanford in your Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement (SW EIS).

Currently, Hanford receives waste from other nuclear weapons plants, labs and even private companies. This waste is dumped in unlined soil trenches with limited groundwater monitoring. Even our kitchen garbage cannot be buried like this! The SW EIS offers no safer alternatives, such as lined and monitored trenches.

The U.S. Department of Energy's proposal to greatly increase the waste coming to Hanford from these offsite locations increases the risk of accidents. The transportation risk of importing over 70,000 truckloads of radioactive waste is not even considered in the SW EIS.

Because of these radioactive wastes being buried without liners, I also wonder if it would be easy for terrorists to find the material to a "dirty bomb" since there may be no shielding to the detection of the radioactive material. The Hanford reservation is huge and is not totally defendable from trespass and sabatoge. In the cover of night it would be very difficult to protect, even with "night vision" technology.

I urge you to reassess your incomplete analysis in the SW EIS and to stop importing and burying waste until you have cleaned up the huge radioactive mess already at Hanford.

Sincerely,

David Dalton

TO:

Mr. Michael Collins U.S Department of Energy P.O. Box 550, A6-38

Richland, WA 99352

FROM:

Duncan Baruch

4502 S.W. Pasadena Street

Portland, OR 97219

SUBJECT:

Stop the Hanford Radioactive Waste Dump

DATE:

July 17, 2002

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

I write to you as a citizen who is deeply concerned with the cleanup of the Hanford Reservation, one of the most contaminated places, not just in the U.S., but in the world.

The U.S. Department of Energy is proposing to double the amount of radioactive waste buried in *unlined* soil trenches (with limited monitoring of groundwater) at Hanford, which not only would increase continued soil and groundwater contamination, but increase the scale of contamination.

In your Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement (SW EIS), you have not seriously addressed the impact on human health and on the environment that adding this radioactive waste to Hanford will have. The SW EIS does not offer safer alternatives, lined and monitored trenches, for example. The proposal increases the likelihood of accidents. The risk of transporting more than 70,000 truckloads of radioactive waste coming from off-site locations is not considered in the SW EIS. I believe household garbage is held to a higher standard!

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Your analysis in the SW EIS is incomplete, and I ask you with great urgency to reassess it, and to stop importing and burying waste until you have cleaned up the incredible radioactive mess already at Hanford and have prepared a safe, very long-term storage site, one that will not pose a hazard to any inhabitants of this area or to all who come after us.

Sincerely,

Duncan Baruch

2558 9th Ave W, Seattle, WA 98119-2225

July 17, 2002

Mr. Michael Collins U.S Department of Energy P.O. Box 550, A6-38 Richland, WA 99352

Subject: Stop the Hanford Radioactive Waste Dump

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

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As a legacy of decades of plutonium production for our nuclear arsenal, the Hanford Reservation contains tons of highly radioactive material and a great deal of low level radioactive waste as well. The citizens of Washington state have more than fulfilled their national obligation to defending our country's freedom in this respect.

The U.S. Department of Energy is proposing to double the amount of radioactive waste buried in unlined soil trenches at Hanford, which increases the risk of more soil and groundwater contamination. You have failed to adequately address the human health and environmental impacts of adding this radioactive waste to Hanford in your Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement (SW EIS).

Currently, Hanford receives waste from other nuclear weapons plants, labs and even private companies. This waste is dumped in unlined soil trenches with limited groundwater monitoring. Even our kitchen garbage cannot be buried like this! The SW EIS offers no safer alternatives, such as lined and monitored trenches.

The U.S. Department of Energy's proposal to greatly increase the waste coming to Hanford from these offsite locations increases the risk of accidents. The transportation risk of importing over 70,000 truckloads of radioactive waste is not even considered in the SW EIS.

I urge you to reassess your incomplete analysis in the SW EIS and to stop importing and burying waste until you have cleaned up the huge radioactive mess already at Hanford.

Sincerely,

Tom Putnam

1901 7th Ave W., Seattle, WA 98119

July 17, 2002

Mr. Michael Collins U.S Department of Energy P.O. Box 550, A6-38 Richland, WA 99352

Subject: Stop the Hanford Radioactive Waste Dump

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

Please do not add any more radioactive waste to what is already a huge worry ro us all. Others have closely argued and logically set out the reasoning for opposing this move of the DOE.

Sincerely,

Margot Fetz

Phil Hoge

1512 Folsom Ave, ♦ Yakima, WA 98902-2522

Mr. Michael Collins U.S Department of Energy P.O. Box 550, A6-38 Richland, WA 99352

Subject: Hanford Radioactive Waste Dump EIS

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

The U.S. Department of Energy's plan to double the total amount of radioactive waste buried in unlined soil trenches at the Hanford concerns me greatly.

The Solid Waste EIS needs to adequately address the human health and environmental impacts of adding this radioactive waste to Hanford. The EIS must also analyze safer alternatives, such as lined and monitored trenches. Finally, the accident risk of importing over 70,000 truckloads of radioactive waste must be considered in the Solid Waste EIS and alternatives analyzed.

The analysis in the EIS is incomplete. I do not support importing more waste to Hanford until cleaning up the existing huge radioactive mess already at Hanford is addressed.

Sincerely,

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Phil Hoge

TO:

Mr. Michael Collins

U.S Department of Energy P.O. Box 550, A6-38 Richland, WA 99352

FROM:

Sylvia Haven

10418 12th Avenue NE Seattle, WA 98125

SUBJECT:

Stop the Hanford Radioactive Waste Dump

DATE:

July 17, 2002

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

On many occasions I have testified at your budget hearings in Seattle. It is so discouraging to note that you are still willing to put so many citizens of the US at risk with your insistence creating further pollution after you have heard from so many knowledgeable people that what you are doing is wrong.

The U.S. Department of Energy is proposing to double the amount of radioactive waste buried in unlined soil trenches at Hanford, which increases the risk of more soil and groundwater contamination. You have failed to adequately address the human health and environmental impacts of adding this radioactive waste to Hanford in your Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement (SW EIS).

Currently, Hanford receives waste from other nuclear weapons plants, labs and even private companies. This waste is dumped in unlined soil trenches with limited groundwater monitoring. Even our kitchen garbage cannot be buried like this! The SW EIS offers no safer alternatives, such as lined and monitored trenches.

The U.S. Department of Energy's proposal to greatly increase the waste coming to Hanford from these offsite locations increases the risk of accidents. The transportation risk of importing over 70,000 truckloads of radioactive waste is not even considered in the SW EIS.

I urge you to reassess your incomplete analysis in the SW EIS and to stop importing and burying waste until you have cleaned up the huge radioactive mess already at Hanford.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Haven

818 W. 19th, Spokane, WA 99203

July 17, 2002

Mr. Michael Collins U.S Department of Energy P.O. Box 550, A6-38 Richland, WA 99352

Subject: Stop the Hanford Radioactive Waste Dump

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

I am writing you as a citizen concerned with the cleanup of Hanford, one of the most contaminated places in the world. I have just recently returned from a vacation in the Columbi river gorge. The idea that the Columbia should be treated as anything less than one of our most revered national treasures really upsets me. So much depends on the health of this river. It was a terrible decisoin to locate the nuclear reservation in this spot to begin with. Please don't continue on this path. I am horrified by the irresponsibility that has been the historic pattern at Hanford.

The U.S. Department of Energy is proposing to double the amount of radioactive waste buried in unlined soil trenches at Hanford, which increases the risk of more soil and groundwater contamination. You have failed to adequately address the human health and environmental impacts of adding this radioactive waste to Hanford in your Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement (SW EIS).

Currently, Hanford receives waste from other nuclear weapons plants, labs and even private companies. This waste is dumped in unlined soil trenches with limited groundwater monitoring. Even our kitchen garbage cannot be buried like this! The SW EIS offers no safer alternatives, such as lined and monitored trenches.

The U.S. Department of Energy's proposal to greatly increase the waste coming to Hanford from these offsite locations increases the risk of accidents. The transportation risk of importing over 70,000 truckloads of radioactive waste is not even considered in the SW EIS.

I urge you to reassess your incomplete analysis in the SW EIS and to stop importing and burying waste until you have cleaned up the huge radioactive mess already at Hanford.

Sincerely,

Paige Kenney

Sue Abts

1400 E Victor St, ♦ Bellingham, WA 98225-1638

Mr. Michael Collins U.S Department of Energy P.O. Box 550, A6-38 Richland, WA 99352

Subject: Stop the Hanford Radioactive Waste Dump

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

If we are planning on dumping more nuclear waste at Hanford, the least we could do is contain it in something that would prevent it from leaching into the soil. Sure it would be expensive, but in the long run, I'm sure it would be well worth any expense to prevent loss of health or life down the road a decade or two. Can't we find a way to use this waste? We need more money toward research.

I am writing you as a citizen concerned with the cleanup of Hanford, one of the most contaminated places in the world. The U.S. Department of Energy is proposing to double the amount of radioactive waste buried in unlined soil trenches at Hanford, which increases the risk of more soil and groundwater contamination. You have failed to adequately address the human health and environmental impacts of adding this radioactive waste to Hanford in your Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement (SW EIS).

Currently, Hanford receives waste from other nuclear weapons plants, labs and even private companies. This waste is dumped in unlined soil trenches with limited groundwater monitoring. Even our kitchen garbage cannot be buried like this! The SW EIS offers no safer alternatives, such as lined and monitored trenches.

The U.S. Department of Energy's proposal to greatly increase the waste coming to Hanford from these offsite locations increases the risk of accidents. The transportation risk of importing over 70,000 truckloads of radioactive waste is not even considered in the SW EIS.

I urge you to reassess your incomplete analysis in the SW EIS and to stop importing and burying waste until you have cleaned up the huge radioactive mess already at Hanford.

Sincerely,

Sue Abts

Subject: Stop the Hanford Radioactive Waste Dump

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

I am writing you as a citizen concerned with the cleanup of Hanford, and as someone already affected by living in Kennewick, Washington during my early teen years when radioactive emissions occurred and when ordinary community members were not aware that the milk we drank, the fresh produce we ate, or that the dust that blew outside our homes was dangerous to our health. I understand that the U.S. Department of Energy is proposing to double the amount of radioactive waste buried in unlined soil trenches at Hanford, which increases the risk of more soil and groundwater contamination. You have failed to adequately address the human health and environmental impacts of adding this radioactive waste to Hanford in your Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement (SW EIS). How many more children will be adversely affected by such indifference to human health concerns?

Currently, Hanford receives waste from other nuclear weapons plants, labs and even private companies. This waste is dumped in unlined soil trenches with limited groundwater monitoring. Even our kitchen garbage cannot be buried like this! Why has the SW EIS offered no safer alternatives, such as lined and monitored trenches?

The U.S. Department of Energy's proposal to greatly increase the waste coming to Hanford from these offsite locations increases the risk of accidents. The transportation risk of importing over 70,000 truckloads of radioactive waste is not even considered in the SW EIS.

I urge you to reassess your incomplete analysis in the SW EIS and to stop importing and burying waste until you have cleaned up the huge radioactive mess already at Hanford. The natural

magnificence of our great northwest deserves better choices by those who hold such decisions in their hands.

Yours truly,

Donna Schneider 1504 102nd Ave NE Bellevue, WA 98004

ML002-26a

Robert Munoz

1913 Bigelow Ave. North,
Seattle, WA 98109

Mr. Michael Collins U.S Department of Energy P.O. Box 550, A6-38 Richland, WA 99352

Subject: Stop the Hanford Radioactive Waste Dump

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

As a citizen concerned with the cleanup of Hanford, I am writing to voice my opposition to the U.S. Department of Energy's proposal to double the amount of radioactive waste buried there. This plan, if enacted, would increase the risk of soil and groundwater contamination, as well as the risk of accidents.

Hanford currently receives waste from other nuclear weapons plants, labs and even private companies. This waste is dumped in unlined soil trenches with limited groundwater monitoring. Our kitchen garbage cannot even be buried like this!

You have failed to adequately address the human health and environmental impacts of adding this radioactive waste to Hanford in your Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement (SW EIS). The SW EIS offers no safer alternatives, such as lined and monitored trenches. In addition, the transportation risk of importing over 70,000 truckloads of radioactive waste is not even considered in the SW EIS.

I urge you to reassess your analysis in the SW EIS and to stop importing and burying waste until you have cleaned up the existing radioactive mess at Hanford.

Sincerely,

Robert Munoz

Kimberly Roland

1907 Jethro Ave., Zion, IL 60099

July 15, 2002

Mr. Michael Collins U.S Department of Energy P.O. Box 550, A6-38 Richland, WA 99352

Subject: Stop the Hanford Radioactive Waste Dump

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

I am writing you as a citizen concerned with the cleanup of Hanford, one of the most contaminated places in the world. The U.S. Department of Energy is proposing to double the amount of radioactive waste buried in unlined soil trenches at Hanford, which increases the risk of more soil and groundwater contamination. You have failed to adequately address the human health and environmental impacts of adding this radioactive waste to Hanford in your Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement (SW EIS).

How many lives will you kill to finally realize the great impact that this is having not only on the people of Hanford, but the nation as a whole. The U.S Department of Energy has no right to play the role of God and play with human lives. If this is allowed to go on many lives will be at stake

The U.S. Department of Energy's proposal to greatly increase the waste coming to Hanford from these offsite locations increases the risk of accidents. The transportation risk of importing over 70,000 truckloads of radioactive waste is not even considered in the SW EIS.

I urge you to reconsider and think about this action and the consequences that will follow.

God did not create this earth to destroy others; God did create this earth for to live on and prosper.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Roland

Subject: Stop the Hanford Radioactive Waste Dump

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

I am writing you as a citizen concerned with the cleanup of Hanford, one of the most contaminated places in the world. The U.S. Department of Energy is proposing to double the amount of radioactive waste buried in unlined soil trenches at Hanford, which increases the risk of more soil and groundwater contamination. You have failed to adequately address the human health and environmental impacts of adding this radioactive waste to Hanford in your Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement (SW EIS).

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The U.S. Department of Energy's proposal to greatly increase the waste coming to Hanford from these offsite locations increases the risk of accidents. The transportation risk of importing over 70,000 truckloads of radioactive waste is not even considered in the SW EIS.

I urge you to reconsider and think about this action and the consequences that will follow. God did not create this earth to destroy others; God did create this earth for to live on and prosper.

Yours truly,

Sheila Peet 3229 Gilead St. Zion, IL 60099

Subject: Stop the Hanford Radioactive Waste Dump

Dear Mr. Michael Collins:

I am writing you as a citizen concerned with the cleanup of Hanford, one of the most contaminated places in the world. The U.S. Department of Energy is proposing to double the amount of radioactive waste buried in unlined soil trenches at Hanford, which increases the risk of more soil and groundwater contamination. You have failed to adequately address the human health and environmental impacts of adding this radioactive waste to Hanford in your Solid Waste Environmental Impact Statement (SW EIS).

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Yours truly,

Donald Davis 2345 N Sheridan Rd Waukegan, IL 60085

TO:

Michael Collins U.S. Department of Energy P.O.Box 550, A6-38 Richland, WA 99352

August 21, 2002

Dear Mr. Collins,

Please add these names to the list of citizens who adamantly oppose the plan to dump 70,000 truckloads (20 million more cubic feet) of nuclear waste to Hanford. The government had promised a clean-up of Hanford, which still warehouses radioactive waste in unlined soil trenches leaching into groundwater, making that "reservation" one of the most lethally polluted places in the world, and the land and water down-river and down-wind likewise poisoned. The notion of storing more there, as well as trucking it through our communities-is unacceptable, and unconscionable. This whole prospect MUST be re-evaluated for all the impacts, dangers and alternatives, and the alternative document (SWEIS) considered for adoption. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Constitues.

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